WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

Wireless Communication Facility in Hilly Areas

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide wireless. communication facility in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the places in the country where wireless communication system has been introduced at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)(b) (i) Exchanges at Dehradun, Mussorie, Nainital, Pilibhit, Uttarkashi, Gopeshwar/Chamoli, Pauri, Lansdown, Almora, Pithoragarh, Haldwani, Burkanda, Tehri & Dakpathar have been connected by Radio systems to the rest of the net work.

(ii) Exchanges at Uttarkashi, Badrinath, Srinagar and Joshimath have been connected with Satellite Radio Systems.

(iii) During 1992-93, it is proposed to connect exchanges at Ranikhet and Kausani by Radio Relay System.

(iv) A Plan to provide public telephones at Panchayat headquarters by Multi-access Radio system, has also been taken up.

(v) It is proposed to connect more numbers of telephone exchanges and public telephones at Panchayat headquarters in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh by means of wireless radio system or satellite radio system.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Details as per attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Hilly Places in the country where wireless communication systems have been introduced to connect exchanges to the rest of the network.

Himachal Pradesh	Simla, Dalhousie, Kasauli, Mandi, Chamba, Dharamshala, Hamirpur, Una, Nangal, Solan, Nahan.
J & K	Srinagar, Jammu, Udhampur, Baramulla Sopore, Avantipur, Gulmarg, Martand, Anantnag, Berinag, Batote, Kathua, Nagrota, Kupwara.
West Bengal	Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Kurseong, Tiger Hill.
Sikkim	Gangtok, Gayzing, Namchi.
North-East	Aizwal, Imphal, Kohima, Dimapur, Shillong, North Lakhimpur, Itanagar, Passighat, Tezpur, Cha-

	makhowa, Tinsukhia, Khonsa, Digboi, Narangi, Silchar, Bomdilla, Agartala, Kailashehr, Mukokuchung, Chandel, Ukhrool, Saiha, Lungleh, Sibasagar, Mon, Wokha, Churachandpur, Tuyensang, Badarpur, Karimganj, Znebhoto, Jowai, Senapati, Phek, Duliajan, Nongstoin, Jorhat, Golaghat, Thoubal, Bishanpur, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh.
Tamil Nadu	Kodiaknal, Ooty, Coonor.
Kerala	Iduki, Munar, Peermedu, Nedungan.
Karnataka	Nandi Hill, Marcara, Shimoga, Chikmanglur.
Andhra Pradesh	Tirumala.

Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras in Rajasthan

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of new Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras set up in Rajasthan during the last six months along with capacity of each of such kendras;

(b) the percentage area of the State presently covered by Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras;

(c) whether the Government have received any representations for increasing the capacity of various Kendras;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase their capacity in near future; and

(e) the locations of new Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras proposed to be set up in Rajasthan during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e). Whereas a low power (100 W) TV Transmitter was commissioned at Nathdwara in Rajasthan during the last six months, four new Radio Stations as per details given below were commissioned in Rajasthan during the same period.

(i)	Nagaur	2 x 3 KW FM Transmitter and multi-purpose studio
(ii)	Banswara	2 x 3 KW FM Transmitter and multi-purpose studio
(iii)	Chittorgarh	3 KW FM Transmitter
(iv)	Barmer	20 KW MW Transmitter, multi-Purpose studio

About 30.8% area of Rajasthan is at present, covered by TV service (inclusive of fringe areas where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining reception). As regards radio service, 90% of the area of Rajasthan is covered by the existing radio stations.

Representations have been received from time to time for increasing the capacity